

Written Testimony Opposing HB 7244, An Act Concerning The Property Tax Exemption for Veterans Having Disability Ratings

The American Legion, Department of Connecticut, and its 18,000 members opposes HB 7244 as written. While The American Legion definitely supports property tax exemptions for our veterans, we do not feel this bill meets the real needs of our veterans, well intended as it may be. We believe veterans with a 100% disability rating should receive a 100% property tax exemption. We also believe property tax exemptions for veterans with disabilities should be based on the appraised value of personal property and expressed in percentages, not fixed amounts.

Raised Bill 7244, as written, might well help some veterans in the state but will certainly hurt other veterans. Property tax exemptions at present vary from municipality to municipality.

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